

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G),

Complainant,

vs.

Southern California Gas Company and  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company,

Defendants.

Case 05-10-033  
(Filed October 31, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING A SCHEDULE**

On November 23, 2005, the then-assigned administrative law judge Michelle Cooke issued a ruling suspending the requirement to file an answer in this case and directing the parties to file with the Commission a status report on settlement discussions on January 13, 2006, February 10, 2006, and March 17, 2006. In the February 10, 2006 report, the parties stated that they had reached an impasse, and requested the assignment of a mediator. On February 28, 2006, the parties announced their choice for a mediator based on a list provided by the Administrative Law Judge Division on February 23, 2006. I understand that the parties have set a mediation session for March 27, 2006.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d), the Commission must resolve a complaint proceeding within 12 months, in the absence of an order of the Commission extending the deadline. At this point, we have less than

seven months remaining. Thus, although negotiations continue, it is necessary to establish a schedule for completion of the case.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The defendants shall file and serve answers to the complaint no later than April 14, 2006.
2. There shall be a telephonic conference on April 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. to determine the need for evidentiary hearings and to set a schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.
3. Southwest Gas shall arrange for a conference line to facilitate the telephonic conference and shall inform all parties and me by e-mail as to how to participate in the call.

Dated March 17, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ STEVEN WEISSMAN

Steven Weissman  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting a Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 17, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO  
Teresita C. Gallardo

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